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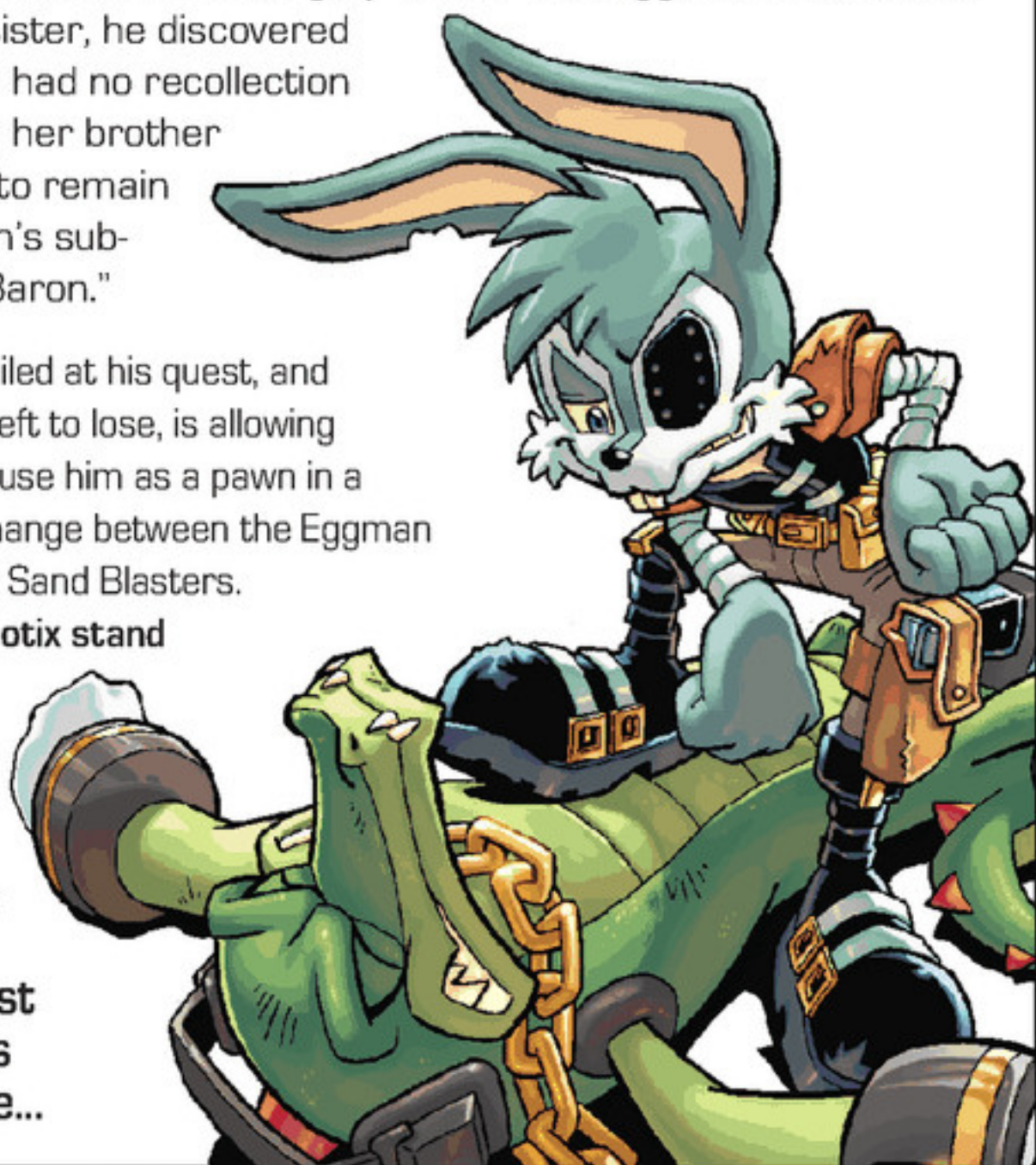
PREVIOUSLY...

The Chaotix have come a long way in their journey to find their missing friends, Mighty and Ray! Vector, Espio and Charmy discovered that their missing comrades had infiltrated the Sand Blast City Freedom Fighters under the guise of "Flex" and "Jitters," in order to rescue Mighty's long-lost sister, Matilda.

To their surprise, Matilda is now a legionized minion of Eggman's army! As our heroes have found out, not everything is as it appears in Sand Blast City – here, the Freedom Fighters, led by the vicious Jack Rabbit, are the aggressors, and Eggman's forces only wish to defend themselves! When Mighty "snuck" into Eggman's fortress to rescue his sister, he discovered that Matilda had no recollection of him being her brother and wished to remain with Eggman's sub-boss, "The Baron."

Mighty has failed at his quest, and with nothing left to lose, is allowing the Baron to use him as a pawn in a prisoner exchange between the Eggman army and the Sand Blasters.

Now the Chaotix stand poised to rescue their friends once and for all, but to do that our heroes must escape this desert alive...



WHO'S WHO



VECTOR
THE CROCODILE
CHAOTIX DE FACTO
LEADER



ESPIO
THE CHAMELEON
CHAOTIX NINJA



CHARMY BEE
VETERAN CHAOTIX
FLYER



MIGHTY & RAY
BROTHERS AT
HEART

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ALL FOR ONE

PART
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FRIENDS, FOES & FAMILY

THE GREAT DESERT--
BADLANDS

THE
CHAOTIX
INVESTIGATIVE
STRIKE TEAM

FANCY DRIVIN'
THERE, BOYS!!

**HAHA
HA!**

THE SAND
BLASTERS
ROGUE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS

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THIS IS NO WAY TO BEHAVE BEFORE A PRISONER EXCHANGE.

YOU MEAN AMBUSH OF EGGMAN'S TROOPS.

UGH--ALL THAT SWERVIN' IS MAKING ME ILL...



KEEP UP, BOYS! WE NEED Y'ALL TO GET FLEX BACK IN ONE PIECE. 'TIL THEN, STICK TO THE PLAN AND DO WHAT I SAY.

SURE THING... BOSS.

VECTOR
CHAOTIX
LEADER

ESPIO--CHAOTIX
NINJA



W-WE'VE G-GOT TO D-DO SOMETHING. I-IF JACK F-FINDS OUT MIGHTY WAS LYING AND USING HIM TO FIND HIS SISTER...

I KNOW, I KNOW. HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO...

RAY
JUNIOR
CHAOTIX



WE'LL STAY UNDERCOVER FOR NOW, BUT IF THINGS GET BAD--WHEN THEY GET BAD--WE'LL GRAB MIGHTY AND HIS SIS, THEN TAKE THE WARP RING BACK TO ANGEL ISLAND. JACK AND HIS THUGS CAN FEND FOR THEMSELVES!

WOO! UNDERCOVER ESCAPE PLAN!



CHARMY
CHAOTIX
FLYER

MEANWHILE, AT
THE RENDEZVOUS
POINT...

FRONT
AND CENTER,
MISTER
"FLEX!"

BUCK UP, SON. WE'LL
TRADE YOU BACK TO
JACK'S GANG, THEN
YOU CAN ESCAPE
HOME.

IS THAT
THING
FOR ME?

AH I'M AFRAID SO,
AND THAT AH MUST
INSIST. IF WE'RE TO
PRESERVE YOUR
COVER, WE'VE GOT
TO PUT ON A SHOW.
JACK KNOWS
NO PUNY HAND-
CLIFFS CAN
HOLD YOU.

WITHOUT
MATILDA.

ALL MY SEARCHING AND
STRUGGLING WAS FOR
HER. TO GIVE HER THE
FAMILY SHE NEVER HAD.
TO GIVE HER PEACE,
AND A LITTLE BIT
OF HAPPINESS.

AH SYMPATHIZE
MORE THAN YOU
KNOW. *

MIGHTY
CHAOTIX
POWER-
HOUSE

THE BARON
SYMPATHETIC
ENEMY
LEADER

*SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG
#217-218!
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PLUGPLUG!)



THE SAND BLASTERS ARE HERE, BARON.

GOOD. THE SOONER WE'RE DONE WITH THIS, THE BETTER. SEND OUT THE PRISONERS!

MATILDA ARMADILLO
LEGIONIZED POWERHOUSE



LET'S KEEP THIS CIVIL LIKE BEFORE, JACK. YOU LINE UP YOURS, AH'LL LINE UP MINE, AND WE CROSS 'EM NICE AND EASY.



THIS TIME'S DIFFERENT, OLD MAN. I WANT FLEX! SEND HIM OVER FIRST!



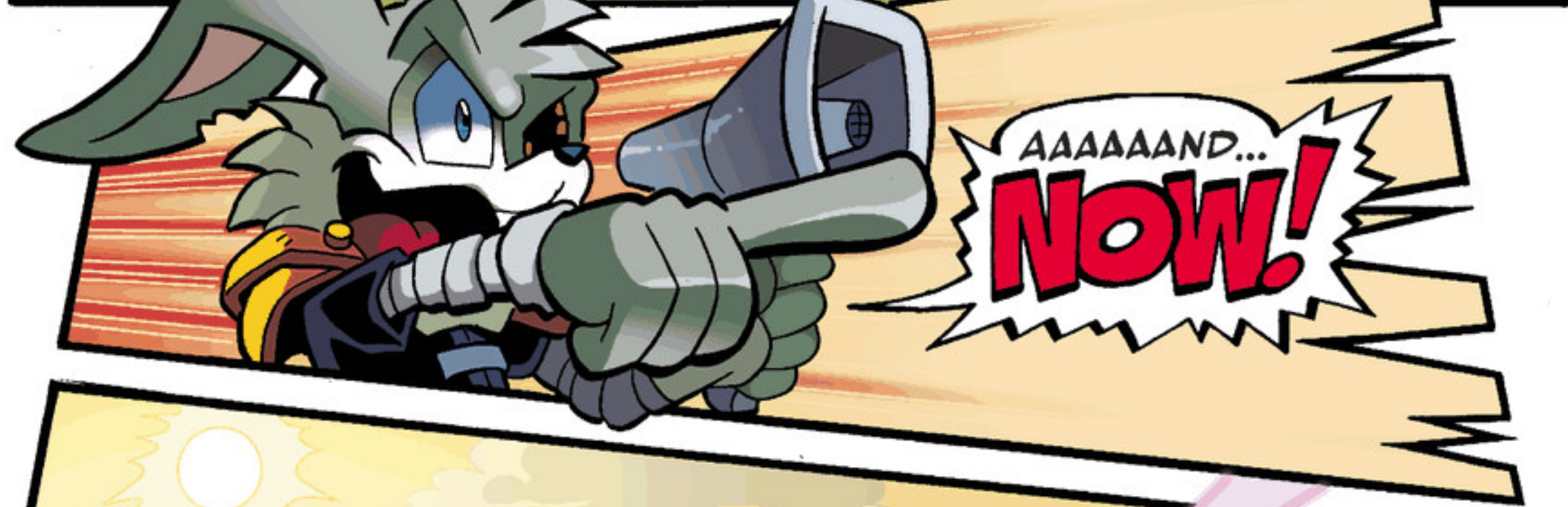
AND RISK HIM TEARIN' THIS WHOLE CARRIER IN HALF? NO, SIR. WE DO THE TRADE, THEN AH DROP HIM OFF IN THIS HERE RING, AND WE PART WAYS.



THAT'S IT? NO DEMANDS? THAT'S AWFUL GENEROUS. WHAT'S THE CATCH?

CATCHIN' YOUR BEST AND HAVIN' YOU BEG FOR HIM BACK IS PAYMENT ENOUGH FOR ME!

WHY YOU SMUG...





...CHAOTIX"?

HANG ON,
MIGHTY!
WE'RE
COMING!

"MIGHTY?"

WHY ARE
THEY
CALLING
HIM...?

RUN 'EM
DOWN!

BOSS?

THEY'RE ONE OF
THEM FAMOUS
FREEDOM FIGHTER
TEAMS! THEY'VE BEEN
LYIN' TO OUR FACES
SINCE DAY ONE!

RUN. THEM. DOWN!

BEHIND
US!

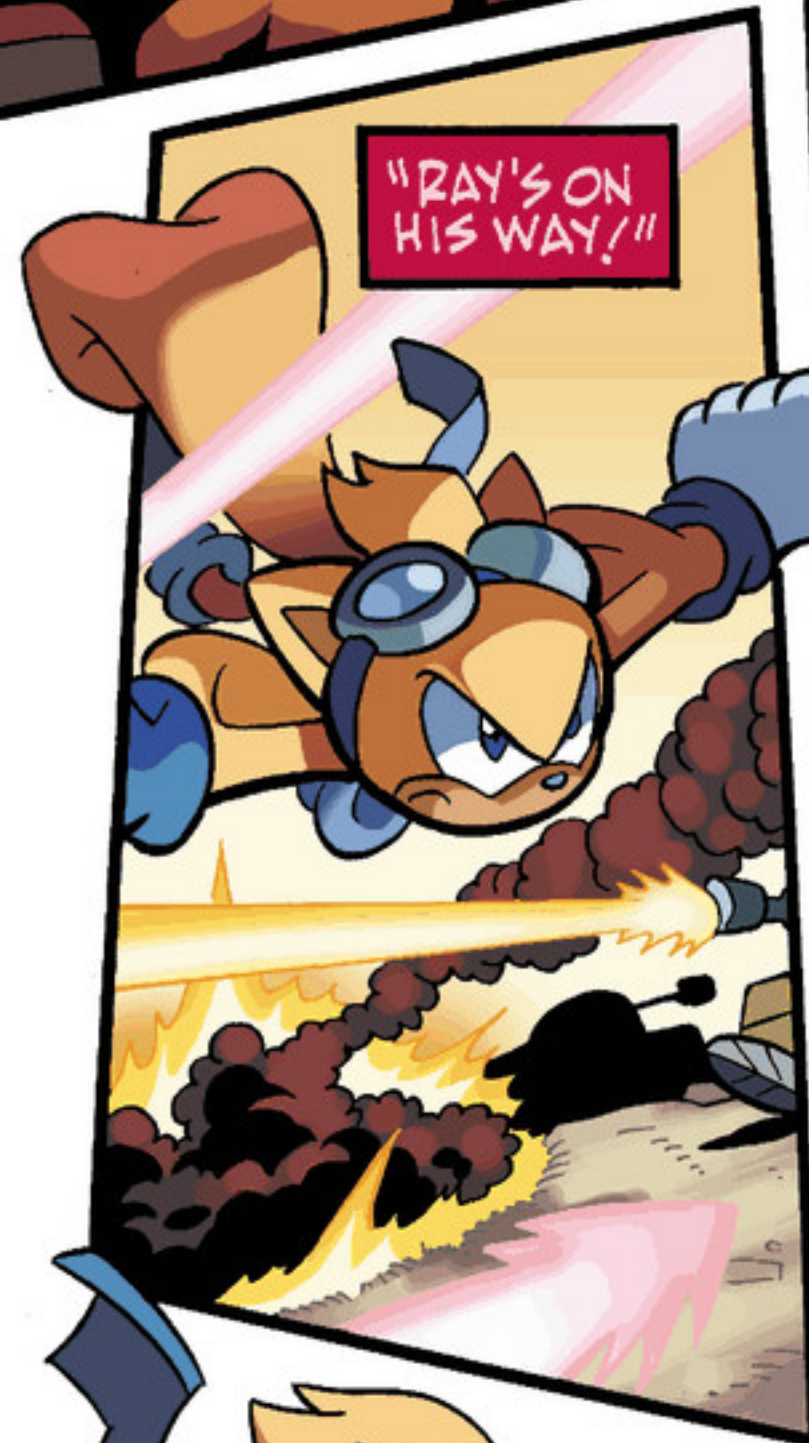
HRGH!!





THIS ISN'T
QUICK OR
SIMPLE!
SOMEBODY
GET MIGHTY
OVER
HERE!

ALREADY
COVERED!



"RAY'S ON
HIS WAY!"



LET
ME LOOSE!
I CAN
HELP!

YOU
THINK JACK
WILL EVER
LET YOU GO
IF YOUR
COVER'S
BLOWN?!

IT'S
BLOWN!
LOOK, EVEN
IF MATILDA'S
REJECTED ME,
DON'T LEAVE ME
HANGING HERE TO
WATCH HER GET
ATTACKED!



LET
HIM GO!
NOW!



RAY?!
YOU'RE
SUPPOSED
TO BE SOME-
WHERE
SAFE!





YOU WILL **NOT** THREATEN THE BARON.

RAY! TILLY! STOP IT.!!

HOLD ON! HOLD ON! CHILDREN SHOULDN'T BE FIGHTIN' LIKE THIS.!

T-TILLY? Y-YOU'RE HIS SISTER?!

SO HE SAYS. THE BARON AGREES. I SUPPOSE IT'S TRUE, THEN.

TH-THEN LET'S G-GO. W-WE'LL RESCUE YOUR BROTHER AND WE'LL ALL G-GO HOME.!

I HAVE NO HOME.

I HAVE NO FEELINGS FOR THIS "BROTHER"!

DO WHAT YOU WANT, BUT LEAVE ME ALONE.

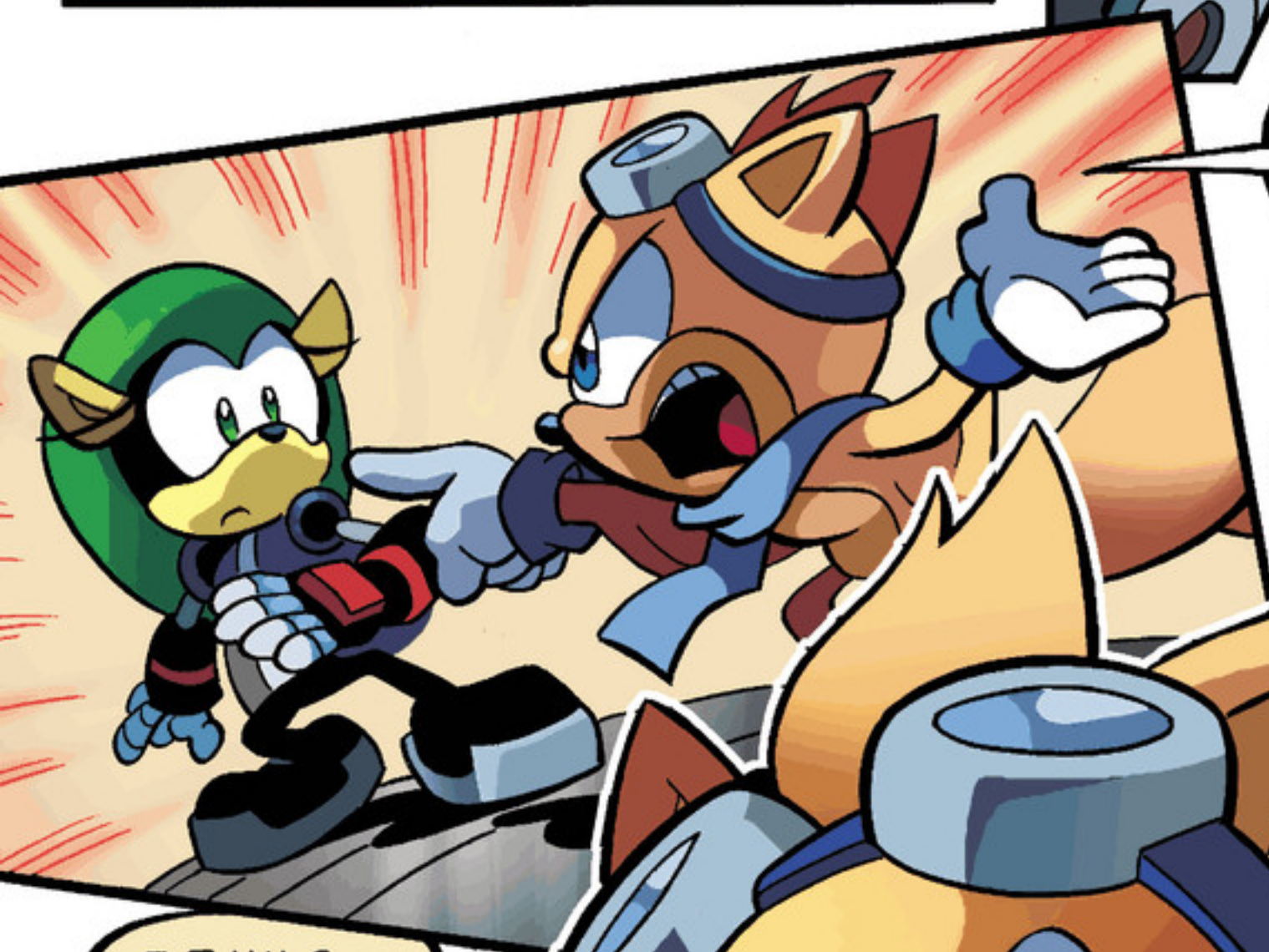
SHE... SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER
MUCH OF ANYTHING. SHE WAS
ROBOTICIZED, TOO YOUNG,
AND...



NO!



D-DO YOU KNOW
H-HOW L-LONG H-HE
LOOKED FOR YOU?/
H-HOW MUCH
I-IT HURT HIM TO
TH-THINK YOU WERE
D-DEAD OR GONE
FOREVER?/
Y-YOU MAY N-NOT REMEM-
BER HIM, BUT HE REMEMBERS
YOU! HE LOVES YOU!!



I-I WAS
LOST, TOO!

D-DIDN'T AGE
R-RIGHT, A-AND
WITH NO ONE
L-LEFT TO CALL
FAMILY!

MIGHTY TOOK M-ME
IN. TH-THANKS TO
HIM, I'VE G-GOT A
LIFE N-NOW!

HE W-WANTS
THE S-SAME
FOR YOU!

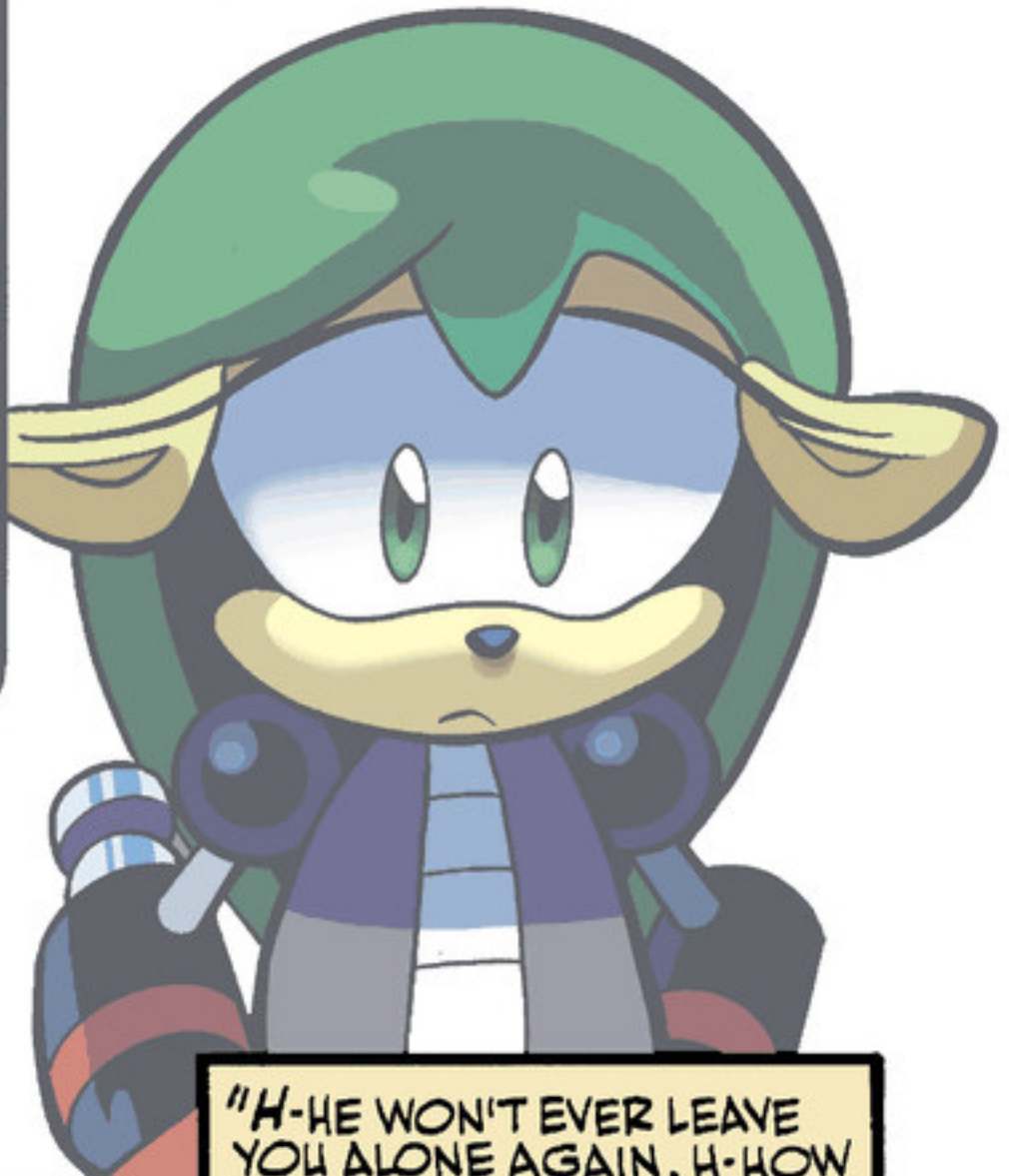




"Y-YOU D-DON'T REMEMBER HIM? **SO WHAT?**"



"Y-YOU RE-MEMBER BEING ALONE, R-RIGHT? **S-SCARED?**"



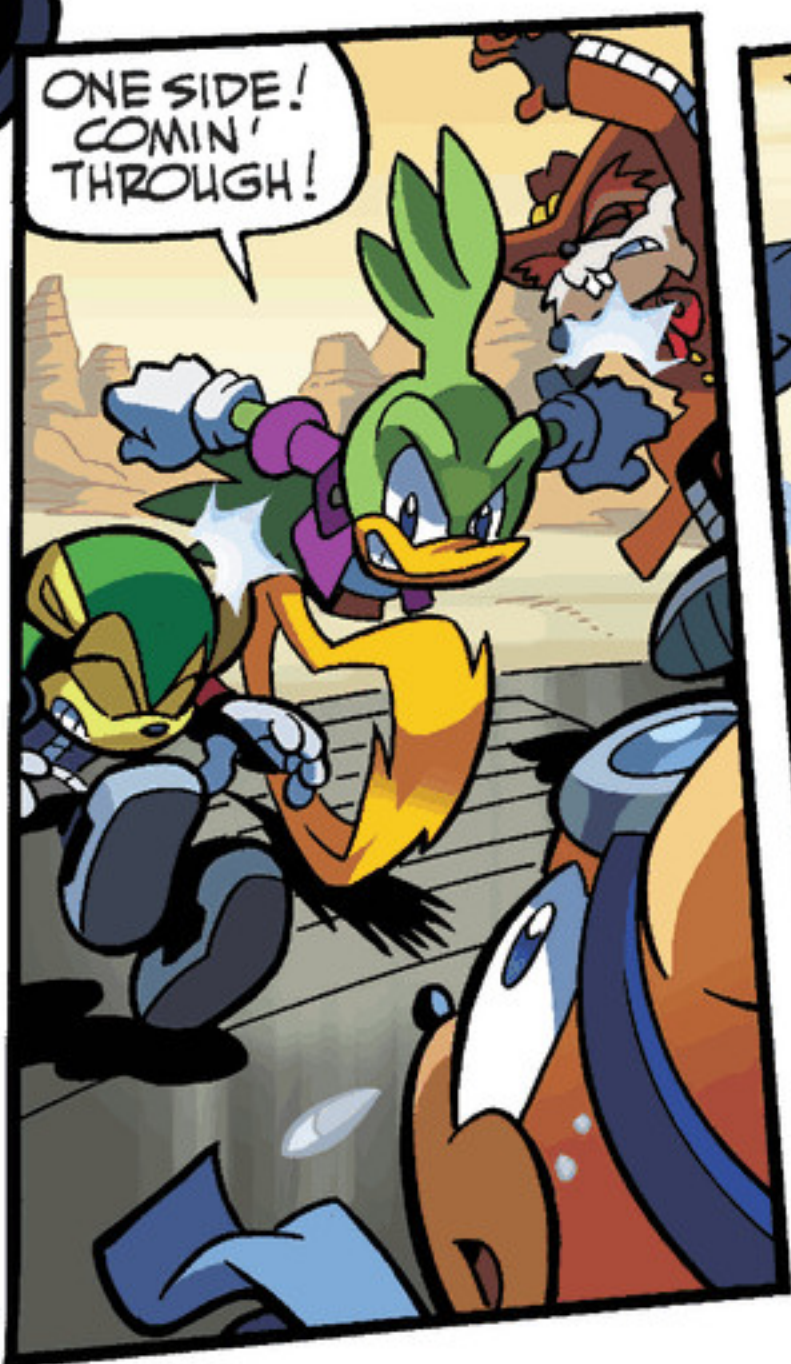
"H-HE WON'T EVER LEAVE YOU ALONE AGAIN. H-HOW C-CAN YOU N-NOT WANT THAT?"



"H-HE WILL **ALWAYS** BE TH-THERE FOR YOU."



L-LIKE H-HE'S A-ALWAYS THERE F-FOR M-ME!
WOW. THAT WAS BEAUTIFUL.



ONE SIDE! COMIN' THROUGH!



NICE DISTRACTION, KID!





THAT TEARS IT...
MURPHY? YOU
STILL RUNNING?

NEW ORDERS!
FIRE ON FLEX
AND THE
BARON!

SURE AM,
BOSS. FIRING
AT WILL!

FLEX? AND
I SEE KIDS
UP THERE...

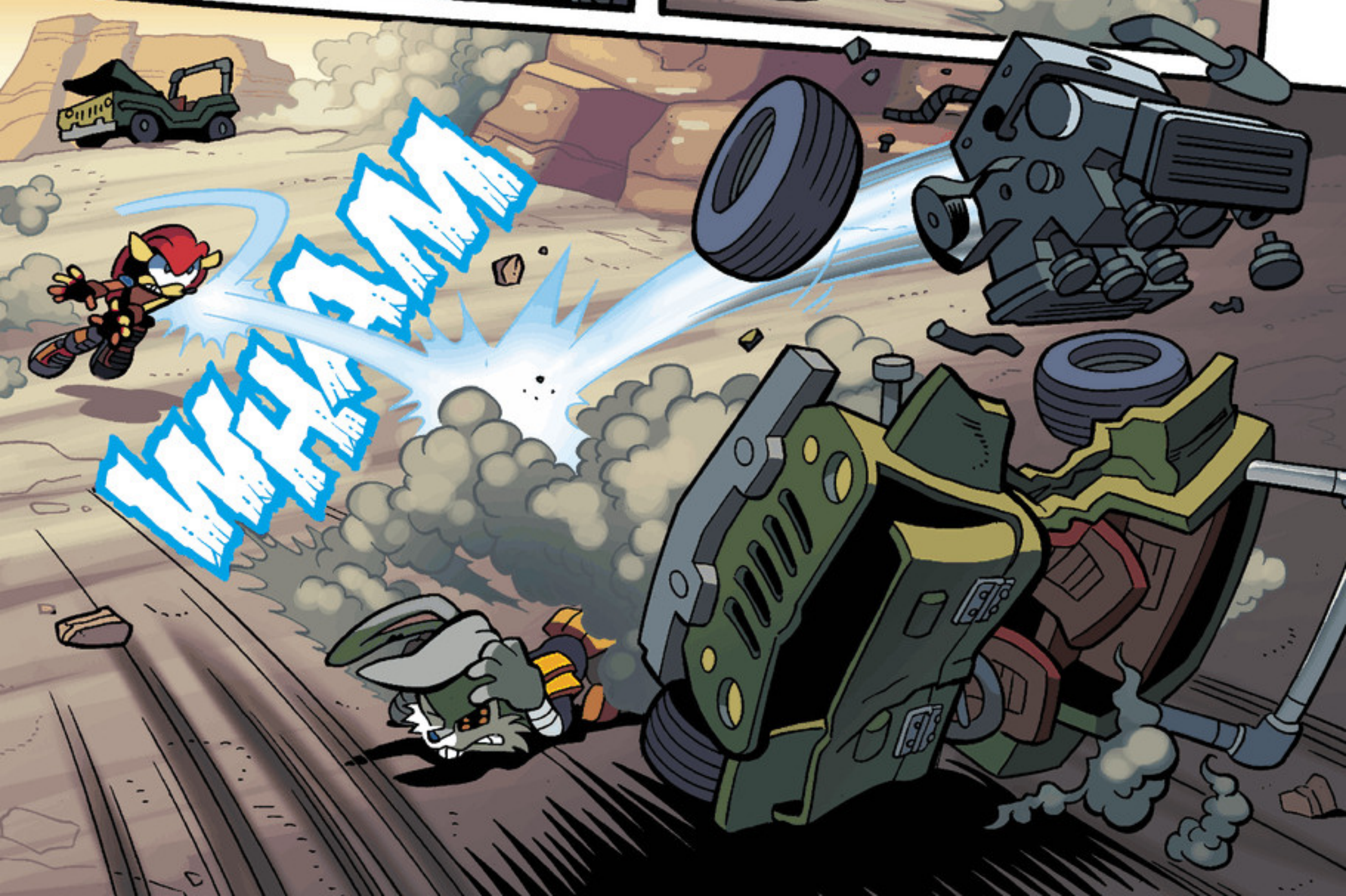
I SAID
FIRE!!

BLAM

TILLY...!
MOVE!



CLANG





RETREAT!
FOR THE LOVE
OF EVERYTHING--
RUN FOR YOUR
LIVES!!



LET 'EM GO,
MAN! IT'S
OVER! IT'S
OVER!

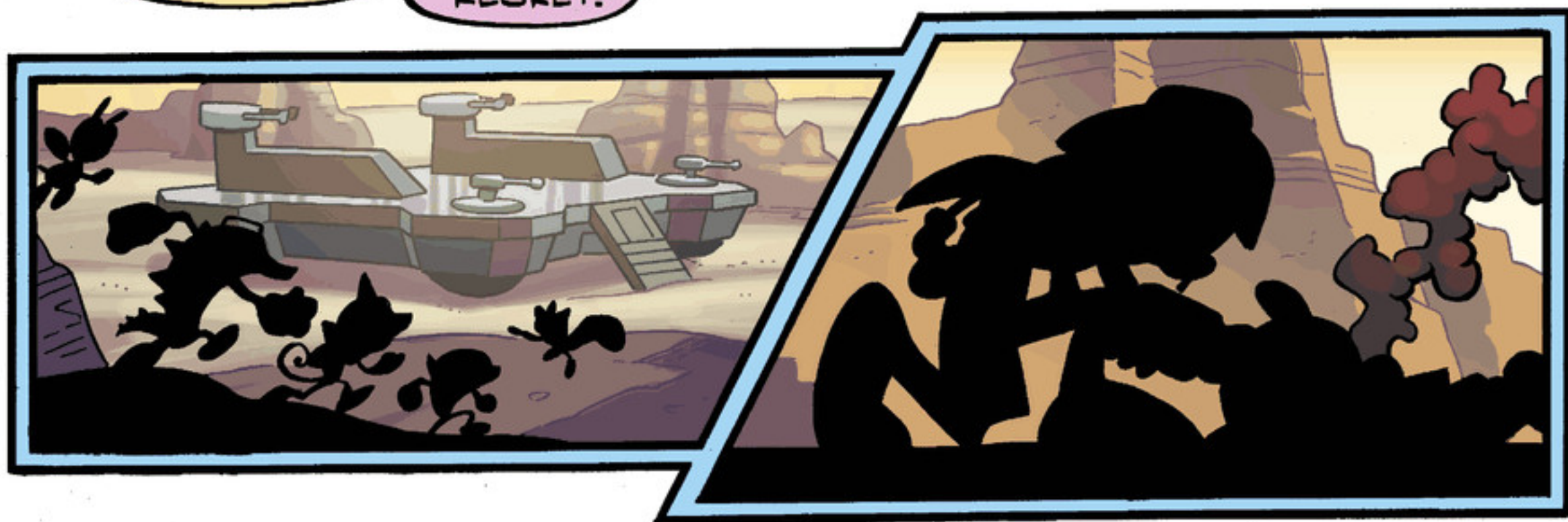
YOU'RE SCARING
US! CALM, BLUE
OCEAN! HAPPY
THOUGHTS!

DON'T DO
SOMETHING
YOU'LL
REGRET!

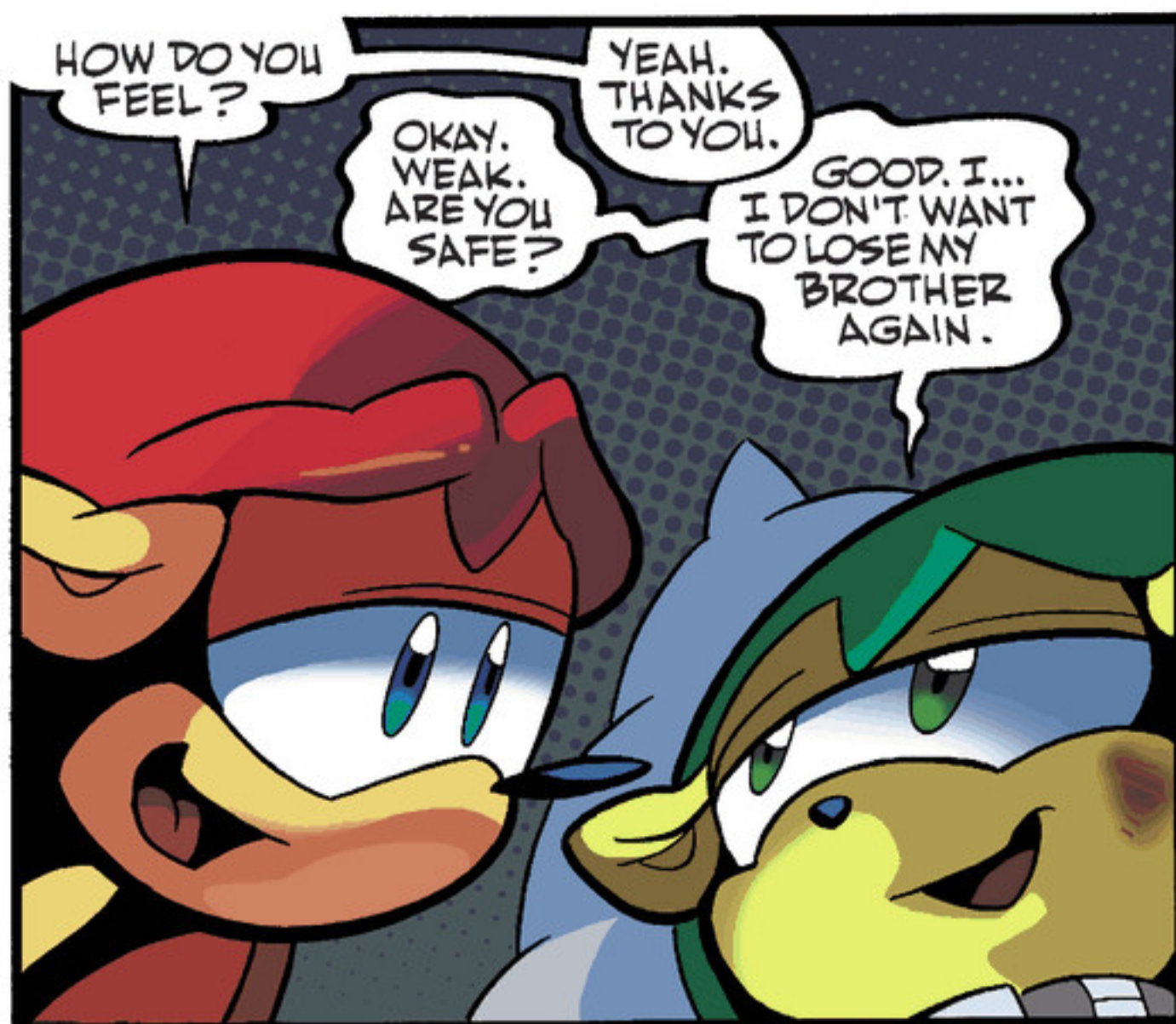


M-MATILDA
N-NEEDS
YOU--!

TILLY--?







AS AH WAS SAYIN'-- WE'VE DONE ALL WE CAN FOR HER **FOR NOW**. SHE'LL NEED A NEW ARM, WHICH NEEDS BALANCIN' AND CALIBRATIN'. THERE'S SYSTEMIC DAMAGE THAT WILL TAKE CARE, PRECISION AND TOOLS WE ONLY HAVE HERE.

WHAT...
WHAT ARE
YOU
SAYING?

MATILDA NEEDS TO STAY WITH US AND FOR EVERY-ONE'S SAFETY, YOU HAVE TO GO.
AH'M SO SORRY, DARLIN'.

I... I UNDER-
STAND.



I... I CAN PUT ON A ROBE! TAKE ON ANOTHER NAME! DON'T MAKE ME LOSE HER AGAIN!

THAT KINDA RUSE WON'T LAST, AND YOU KNOW IT. YOU'RE NOT **LOSIN'** HER, SON. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HER HERE... AND YOU CAN ALWAYS VISIT... CAREFULLY.

AND DON'T FORGET...

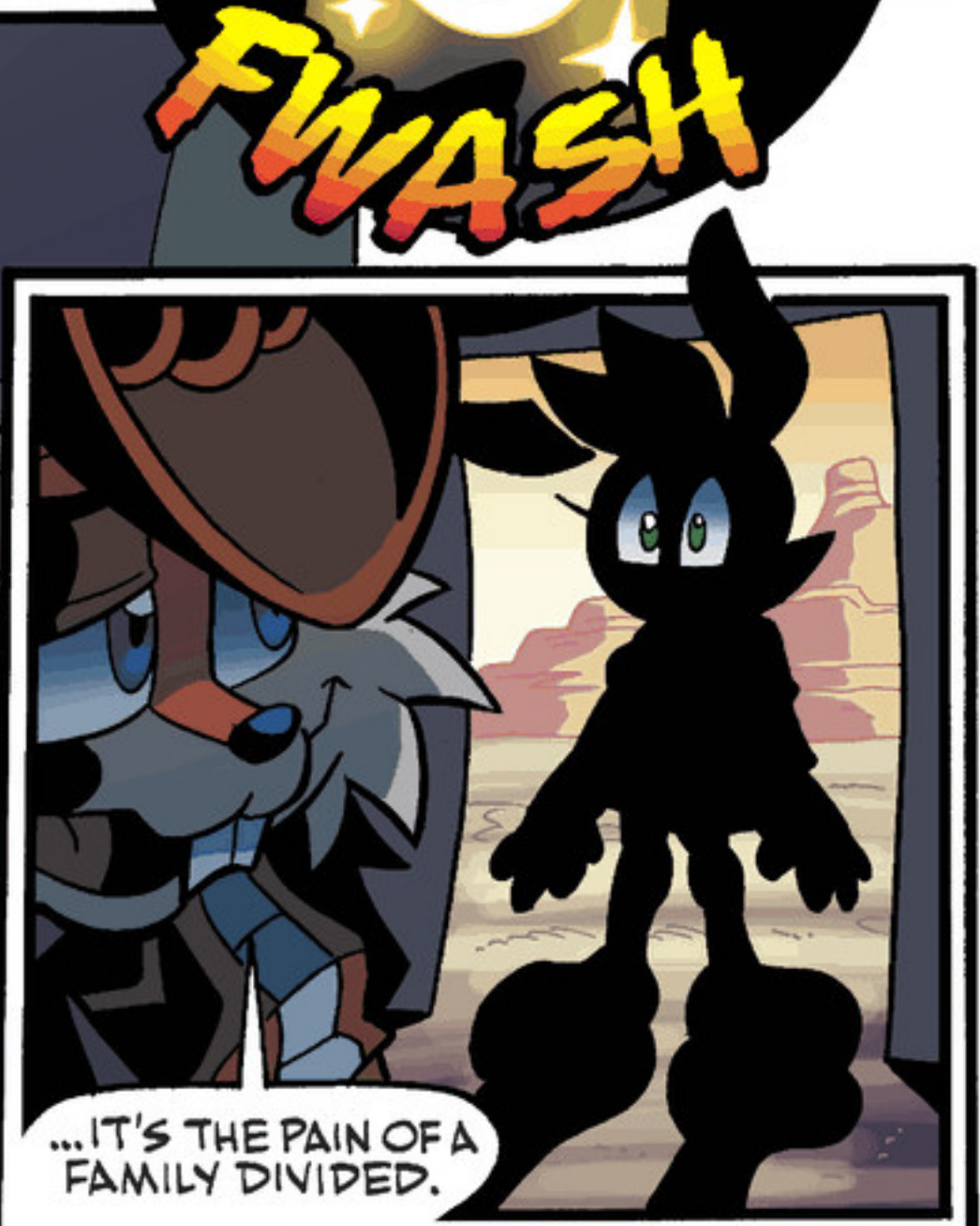


...YOU'VE GOT **US** TOO, BIG GUY. THE CHAOTIX TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN.

YEAH... YOU FOUND ME... HELPED ME...

THANKS, GUYS.





THE CHAOTIX'S QUEST IS ALMOST OVER! CHECK OUT THEIR FINAL STEPS IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #246!

NEXT TIME: **METAL SONIC!**

UNTIL THEN, CHECK OUT THE SONIC SUPER SPECIAL, SUPER DIGEST, and the ENTIRE GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES!



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editorial commentary that's got the moves like Mighty!

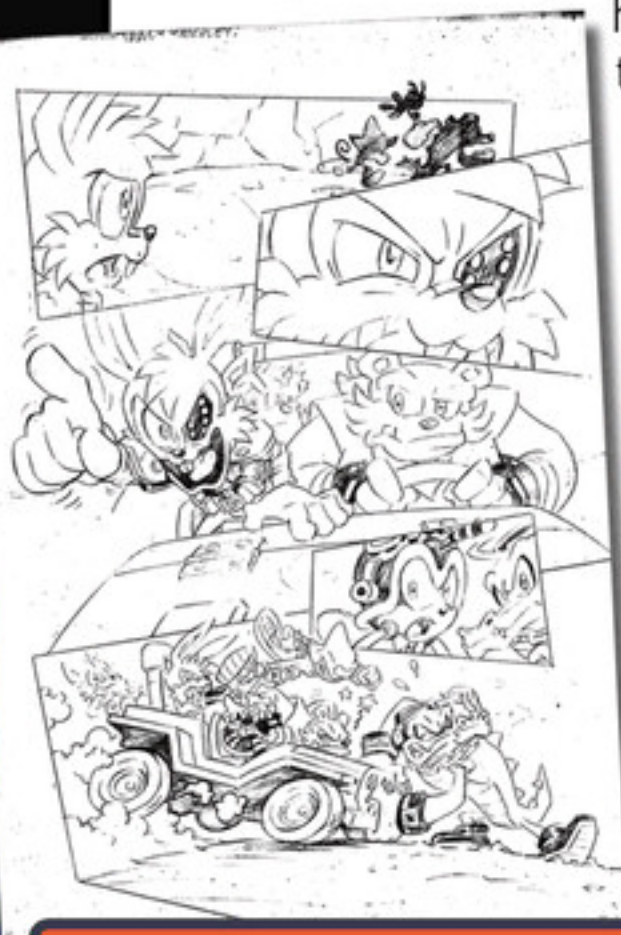
JOURNEY'S END -- AND A NEW BEGINNING?

Thanks to some handy heroics and detective work, (see, they can do both!) the Chaotix are once again whole, and Mighty and his sister are united in spirit. That was a truly epic battle in this issue, and some special thanks go to Tracy Yardley for really showcasing all the complex emotions these characters have gone through! Big props to the whole team as well, and a congratulations to Matt Herms on his first, complete Sonic Universe arc as colorist!

Next up we've got our milestone 50TH ISSUE THROW-DOWN featuring Metal Sonic vs. Shard in a bonus-sized adventure that is going to blow you away! In addition to this super-sized story, we're re-presenting the very first appearance of Metal Sonic in the Sonic the Hedgehog comic book series, bringing Sonic Universe #50 to a whopping 48 pages! As if that wasn't enough, we've got some comic-shop exclusive foil effects to a brand new cover by Patrick SPAZ Spaziante and Matt Herms!

And did you remember to subscribe to all three Archie video game titles to collect EVERY issue of the SONIC/MEGA MAN™ crossover event yet?? If not, what are you waiting for?!

SEE YA NEXT MONTH! - Paul



PENCILLER TRACY YARDLEY BEAUTIFULLY CAPTURES THE CHARACTERS' EMOTIONS IN THESE AWESOME INTERIORS!

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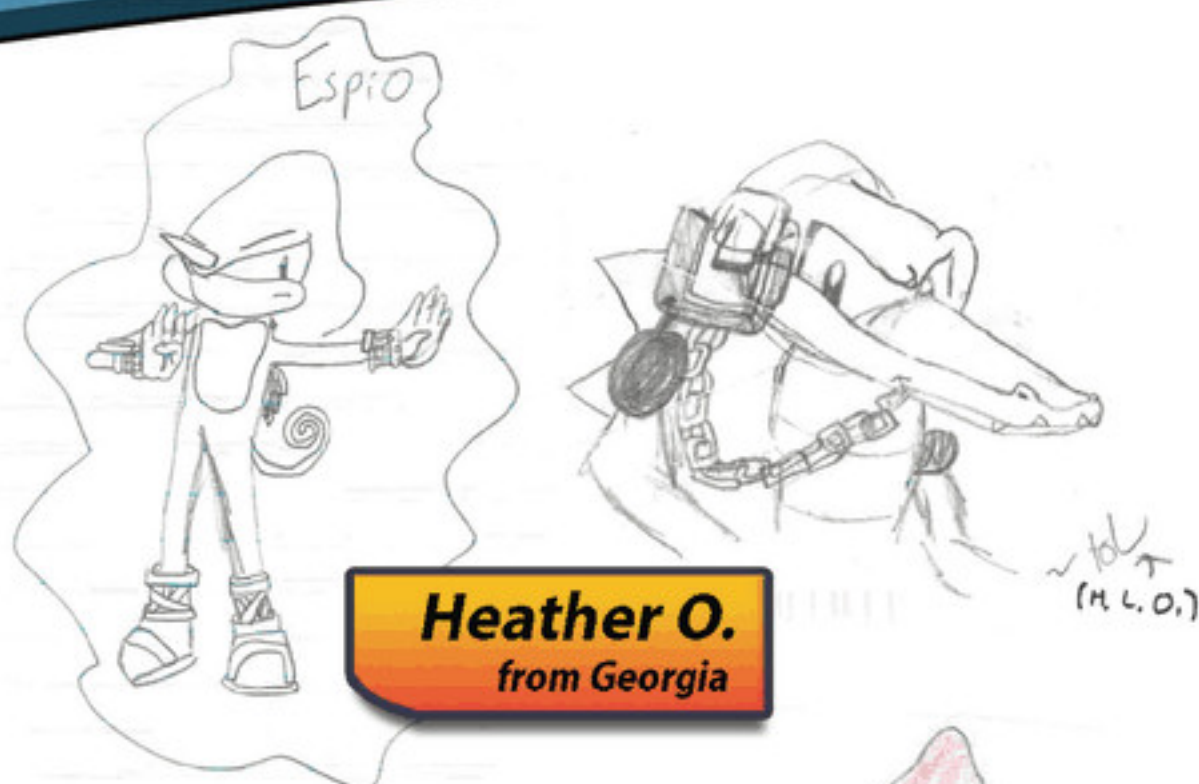


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FORGED IN FIRE



METAL SONIC HAS RETURNED AND HE WANTS REVENGE! AFTER COUNTLESS DEFEATS, MOSTLY AT THE HANDS OF SONIC, METAL SONIC IS OUT TO PROVE HIMSELF AS THE ULTIMATE FORM OF DESTRUCTION BY TAKING DOWN HIS "BROTHER" SHARD, THE ORIGINAL MECHA SONIC!

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL! AS PART OF THE CELEBRATION, WE'RE INCLUDING THE VERY FIRST APPEARANCE OF MECHA SONIC IN HIS FIRST BATTLE AGAINST SONIC!

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: 246



IT'S THE BIG FINALE!
SHARD AND TEAM FIGHTERS
TAKE ON THE KRUDZU AS
KNUCKLES AND THRASH ENTER
THEIR FINAL BATTLE IN
"ENDANGERED SPECIES"
PART 4 (of 4)
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 3/12/13

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I'll have the usual.

1. I am a huge fan of the comics and the Chaotix and want to know where are Mighty's parents? Are they dead or alive?

Mighty's parents were thieves, and were imprisoned long ago. They both have passed on.

2. I wanted to know if I could be Mighty the Armadillo's number one fan?

Only if you say please!

3. The Sand Blasters are Freedom Fighters, right? So why do they have violent tendencies towards good guys?

Not all Freedom Fighters are friendly! They have questionable tactics and never joke around, it's in their nature.

4. My last question is: Are you guys doing some special comic for Sonic Universe #50? Because that would be awesome.
-- Kudos to Tracy

Yardley! for always drawing awesome comics, Ian for great plots, and the rest of you. Keep on juicin.

*from Sean,
Mighty's number one fan and loyal member of the Chaotix.*

*Thanks, Sean!
Look up and see for yourself!*

See ya'll next month for our big milestone issue, Sonic Universe #50!

IT'S YOUR SONIC UNIVERSE!

We want your input! Write & tell us what you're likin', lovin', or what's leaving you in the dust! Remember, include "My Sonic Universe" in the subject line on your letter or e-mail! It's your Sonic Universe, after all, so drop us a line!